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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a response to the January 12, 2007 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. Applicants elect the invention of Group VII, claim15, drawn to a method of screening for a compound that inhibits the activity of a protein.

The Response to the Restriction Requirement is due on or before March 12, 2007 with a one-month extension of time. No additional fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 25371-021CIP).

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